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1. THREE-DAY UNREST AT UMLAZI TOWNSHIP AFRICAN HIGH SCHOOLS
WAS REDUCED SEPT 16 BY FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A) 278 (VICE PREVIOUSLY REPORTEDLY 285) OHLANGE HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE RELEASED ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE UNTIL TRIAL
OCT 8. STUDENTS WERE PUT IN CUSTODY OF THEIR PRINCIPAL WHO
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED CLASSES;

B) SWELIHLELE SECONDARY SCHOOL UNREST WAS TALKED OUT
DURING TWO HOUR MEETING BETWEEN POLICE, INKATHA AND KWA
MASHU URBAN OFFICIALS AND STUDENTS' PARENTS. STUDENTS WHO
HAD STONED BUS APOLOGIZED TO MEETING AND WERE RELEASED IN
CUSTODY OF INKATHA EXECUTIVE W. SABELO.

2. MEETINGS ALSO TOOK PLACE BETWEEN KWAZULU OFFICIALS,
SCHOOL MASTERS AND PARENTS AIMED AT REDUCING TENSION AMONG
STUDENTS AND ENDORSING CHIEF BUTHELEZI'S NON-VIOLENT
PHILOSOPHY. ALSO IN UMLAZI, PAMPHLETS WERE CIRCULATED BY
GROUP CALLING ITSELF "PEACE SEEKERS" URGING TOWNSHIP'S WORKERS
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TO "GUARD AGAINST AGITATORS" TRYING TO GET THEM TO BOYCOTT

JOBS.

3. IN SEPARATE INCIDENT AT PIETERMARITZBURG, UNIDENTIFIED
ARSONISTS SET FIRE TO FOUR ROOMS AND CAUSED SEVERAL THOUSAND
RANDS DAMAGE AT RAISEBURG COLORED PRIMARY SCHOOL.
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